

# HE IS RISEN



Worship Leaders



*Preacher & Celebrant*

*Deacon*

*Lay Ministers*

*Musician*

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## **The Great Vigil of Easter**

This is one of, if not the oldest, of Christian worship services. Christians have been celebrating Jesus' resurrection since the time of the apostles, although the oldest written evidence concerning Easter's observance dates to about the year 150AD. The oldest mention of the Vigil service is found in *The Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus* which dates to about the year 215AD. The Vigil was originally held through night, marking the resurrection of Jesus in the tomb, passing from death to new life. Recall that when the women disciples went to his tomb very early on Easter morning (while it was still dark, John 20:1), they found the stone rolled away and Jesus was already alive. So the early Christians began observing that moment as the start of the yearly Easter celebration by holding a vigil overnight, watching and waiting for the morning. The service usually involved baptisms of catechumens (those preparing to become Christians). It also included a lengthy series of Scripture readings, from four to twelve, recounting the journey of Israel at Passover, interspersed with psalms and canticles, followed by Holy Communion. By the 6<sup>th</sup> century the service became more elaborate with the kindling of fire and the singing of the Exsultet (a chanted hymn celebrating Jesus' resurrection, see Book of Common Prayer p. 286). It was widely observed in both the East and the West by the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Our vigil is at dawn, the transition from darkness to light, death to life.

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**Prelude** Now the Green Blade Riseth

**Welcome & Blessing of the Pascal Candle**

*Standing*

*Deacon* The Light of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Intoned 3 times*

*Deacon begins the Exsultet*

*Deacon* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Deacon* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Deacon continues the Exsultet*

**Lesson** Exodus 14:21-15:2

*Seated*

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the Lord: "I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea. The Lord is my strength and my might, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

*People* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Collect**

**Lesson** Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

*People* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Collect**

**Renewal of Baptismal Vows**

*Standing*

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

*People* **I do.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended**

**to the dead. On the third day he again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

### Concluding Prayer

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### Collect for Easter Sunday

**The Gospel** Luke 24:1-12

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone

rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Calvin Lane

*Seated*

### The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Standing*

### Announcements

**Offering** *You may make an offering after the service. The plate is located near the steps to the garden. Offering may also be given online [stgeorgesdayton.org](http://stgeorgesdayton.org) or mail to St. George's 5520 Far Hills Ave. Dayton, OH 45429.*

### Holy Communion

#### The Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues with Preface...* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer ...*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer. At the conclusion, the people join, Amen.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread & Invitation to Communion**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **Directions for receiving Communion**

- The Ministers will come to you for communion. Please remain standing.
- All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive; if you have not been baptized, you are welcome to cross your arms for a blessing.
- Gluten-free wafers are available, please indicate your need when receiving.
- If you prefer to intinct (dip) your wafer instead of drinking from the chalice, a lay minister with a small intinction cup will follow the chalice. The larger chalice is only for drinking.
- If you prefer to receive only the wafer, please cross your arms when the chalice and intinction cup pass by.

### **Communion Anthem**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

*Standing*

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**The Easter Blessing** Hebrews 13:20-21

### **Closing Hymn** Jesus Christ is risen today

*Sung by all*

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

### **Dismissal**

*Deacon* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### **Postlude**

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## **FOR PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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**Prayers for  
Regions**

**Afghanistan, Congo, China, Haiti, Iran, Myanmar, Nigeria, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Venezuela, and Yemen. For the Israel-Gaza war, and the war in Ukraine. For those affected by flooding in Kentucky, hurricane damage in North Carolina, and fires in California.**

# Easter Flowers

Given to the Glory of God and...

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In Memory of John Hutt Sr. and Jorge Arzola Sr.  
By The Arzola Family

In Memory of Sally Abbott Pomputius  
By The Ayres Family

In Memory of Ken Berta (son)  
By Fred & Phyllis Berta

In Memory of Mike Best and Jim & Sis D'Wolf  
By Thelma & Ward Best

In Memory of William Cissel  
By Susan, Tom, Kathleen, Gabrielle, & Declan

In Memory of Rachel Stridsberg  
By Megan, Rachel, & Daniel Coffey

In Loving Memory of our loved ones entrusted  
to resurrection in Christ Jesus  
By The Rev. Dr. Dave & Marty Cottrill

In Memory of Bernadine Crouch  
By Erick & Rose Crouch

In Memory of Rachel Trocino  
By Eric & Rose Crouch

In Memory of Our Parents  
By Peter & Anne Davis

In Memory of Eugene

In Memory of Dave Friedlander (Husband)  
and Berni & Gert Shay (Parents)  
By Lisa Friedlander

In Memory of James Galloway  
and Alfred Griffin  
By Steve & Lisa Galloway

In Memory of Adele & Ellis Greene,  
Helen & Lloyd Luke, and Sara Luke  
By Mark & Mary Greene

In Memory of Janet M. Hand  
and Dr. Curt Lowary  
By David D. Hand

In Memory of Loved Ones  
By Beth & Bob Hard

In Memory of Brian Harris  
By Diane Harris

In Memory of Melanie Hitch  
by The Hitch Family

In Memory of The Blessing of Our Family,  
Present and Past  
By Anoop & Matt Hodges

In Memory of Charles & Jeanette Michaels  
By Charlotte Huffman

In Memory of Greg Jollay  
By Julie Jollay

In Memory of Hank Judd  
By Marilyn Judd

In Memory of Ashford Keeton Jr., Jomo  
Kwame Washington, and Elizabeth Wright  
By Leanora D. Keeton

In Memory of Patricia Knowles  
By Andrew Knowles

In Memory of Jim & Ann Kuhlke,  
Nat Chase & Neal Chase  
By Jane & Karl Kuhlke

In Memory of Herschel and Irene Lamb  
By William & Mara Lamb

In Memory of Jerry A. Lindner  
By Mary Elizabeth Lindner Moore

In Memory of Alex and Eugenia Longinow  
By Andy & Lilli Longinow

In Memory of Mary MacLean  
By Ashley MacLean



In Memory of Family & Friends  
By Jane McGee-Rafal

In Celebration of The Tim White Family  
and The Kevyn Coy Family  
By Carolyn & Jim Medford

In Memory of my grandsons Jack and Alex  
By Gloria Morgan

In Memory of family & friends  
we have lost this past year  
By Joanne & Mike Mushala

In Memory of Curtis Convington  
By Craig & Denise Narasaki

In Memory of Family & Friends  
By Charles Roup & Sandy Nowacki

In Loving Memory of Vincent Ifekandu,  
Christiana Okocha, Emeka Ekwudobi,  
and Olian Offodile  
By The Okocha Family

In Honor of our families  
By Matt & Wendy Oliver

In Memory of Jeanne Wroan  
By The Phillips Family



# The Weekly Messenger

To God's Glory and  
in Memory of Our Parents  
By Joe & Becky Recher

In Memory of Carolyn E. Sims  
By James A. Sims

In Memory of Rose and Edward Thornhill  
By Bev & Doug Reno

In Memory of Clara Marie, Melville & Ruby  
By James Totten

In Memory of Doris and Joseph Reno  
By Doug & Bev Reno

In Memory of Tony & Dorothy Pepper  
By Nancy Thacher

In Memory of Rachel Harrison  
By Stephanie Rice

In Memory and Thanksgiving for  
Frances Tribble & Libbi S. Gentner  
By Elayne Tribble

In Memory of Janet Rinehart  
By Carl Rinehart

In Memory of Mary Louise Workman  
By John & Gayle Workman

In Memory of our parents  
By Marian & Glenn Rodgers



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*The clergy and staff of St. George's wish you  
and yours a happy and blessed Eastertide.*

## PARISH EASTER BRUNCH

Easter Sunday brunch will be held at 10am in the Undercroft.  
*\*No education or coffee hour today*



## Short Eucharist with Healing Prayer

Wednesdays at Noon in Easter Season (April 23-June 4) - Given the strong turn-out we've had with our Wednesday Stations, we'll keep up the momentum with a short Eucharist (25 min max) in the Chapel; brief mediation rather than sermon. The focus will be intercessory prayer. Optional Brown Bag lunch follows.

## FELLOWSHIP @ LOOSE ENDS BREWERY—April 24, 4-6pm

Gather with your church friends and clergy for informal fellowship. Take time for a beer or soft drink and meet us at Loose Ends— 890 S. Main Street, Centerville.



## HARPS OF GRACE

On Monday, April 28 at 7pm we will be hosting a Harps of Grace Concert! Join Harps of Grace Ensemble for an evening of Celtic, classical, and folk favorites—free entry.

## YOUTH LOCK-IN

Parents, please RSVP to Cal soon! We will have a Lock-In on Friday, May 2 with dinner and the next morning we will have a service project for the parks.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Wed-Fri, June 25, 26, 27 (9am-Noon). See the sign up board in the Welcome Lounge to volunteer. Online enrollment is open! Contact the Rev. Dr. Cal Lane ([associate@stgeorgeohio.org](mailto:associate@stgeorgeohio.org)).



**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE** The church office will be closed on Monday, April 21.

## FINANCIAL REPORT



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